MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know, how long it will take to satisfy the claims of persons in the waiting list in the normal course ?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know what the Director of Public Instruction means by the waiting list ?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Participation of Government in the Chicago Exhibition.

55.* **MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any amount sanctioned to the Industries Department for the preparation of sending goods and representatives to the Chicago Exhibition;

(*b*) if so, what is the amount so sanctioned ;

(*c*) is it utilised for the exhibition ;

(*d*) if not, what is the reason for it ;

(*e*) is there any loss for the Government in connection with that arrangement ; and

(*f*) if so, what is the amount of loss ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) and (*b*) One lakh of rupees was sanctioned.

(*c*) Only a sum of Rs. 5,000 was utilised for the collection of exhibits, and these are now being sold in the Government Sales Depots.

(*d*) The whole allotment was not utilised since it was subsequently decided not to participate in the exhibition.

(*e*) The loss will only be the incidental expenses incurred for the exhibition.

(*f*) About Rs. 550.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know the reason for not participating in the Chicago Exhibition ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Originally it was thought that other Native States and British Indian Provinces were participating in the Exhibition. Subsequently they decided not to participate. Travancore also joined first and subsequently decided not to participate.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Did this Government receive any communication from the Government of India not to take part in the Exhibition ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I am not aware.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was there after all an Exhibition called the Chicago Exhibition ? (*Laughter.*)

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Certainly.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is the member in possession of any records to convince the House that there was an Exhibition ?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There was an Exhibition.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Am I to understand from the Government that the Travancore Government disregarded their original intentions because the other Native States fell out from the programme? What was the reason for that?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Of course it was a world exhibition; the committee who constituted the Exhibition had invited other countries also to take part. India was also included. For some reason or other; our Government decided not to take part in the exhibition as there is nothing for us to show in the Century of Progress of scientific and engineering progress which they were really interested in showing there.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it not a fact that Government had to spend large sums of money in connection with the collection of exhibits?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know why such exhibits were not utilised?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Because there was no occasion to participate in the Exhibition.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know why?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Indian States and British Indian provinces did not participate in the Exhibition; and so the Travancore Government thought not to take part in the Exhibition. We must move with the rest of India.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was such a decision arrived at by the Travancore Government independently of the decision of other Native States?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Our Government decided not to take part.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): What was the reason to depart from the original intention? May I know whether it was due to the inferior nature of the Travancore exhibits or the fact that the other Native States did not take part in the Exhibition?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There is nothing to compare, as other Indian States and the British Indian provinces decided not to send their Exhibits. Our Government came to that decision independently of other States.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): So that Travancore exhibits, Government thought, would not compete with the exhibits of British Indian Provinces or other Native States, and hence decided not to join the Chicago Exhibition. Is that the position?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Certainly not.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamttita*): The member was saying a little while ago that our Government have not progressed very far in scientific research and all that. May I take it that the Travancore exhibits could not compete with non-Indian exhibits or exhibits manufactured by foreigners?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I cannot say that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Baroda participated in the Exhibition?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Baroda did not.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Am I to understand that no Indian State participated in the Exhibition?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I do not know.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether he is sure that exhibits from British India and other Indian States did not compete with the exhibits from Europe?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I cannot say.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know on what basis he came to the conclusion that Travancore exhibits could not compete with American or European exhibits?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Sufficient experience is wanting.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member the reasons that really actuated the Travancore Government not to participate in the Exhibition?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I cannot say.

TO MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): The member was saying a little while ago that the Travancore Government had no sufficient experience in the matter of production of exhibits. What does he mean by experience?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There is no large scale production of exhibits by using machinery. It is only then we can compete with European articles.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*); What does he mean by the volume of production in the matter of exhibits from Native States?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Production on a large scale.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the member is of opinion that during the last 100 years we have made no progress to show to the world in the field of carpentry?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

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MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know what prompted the department to participate in the Chicago Exhibition originally?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Because other Indian States participated, we also joined them. Now they fell out and hence we also withdrew.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Was there any correspondence at the initial stage by which this State ascertained the wishes of other Indian States that they were going to participate in the Exhibition.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): We came to know that they were going to participate in the Exhibition originally.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Subsequently, may I know from the member whether the fact of other States not participating in the exhibition was ascertained by this State?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K.C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member the authorities of the Chicago Exhibition intended originally to have a separate Indian Exhibits Section?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I ask whether Government thought of participating in the Exhibition on this understanding?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that the authorities of the Chicago Exhibition gave up this idea of a separate Indian Section later on?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know from the member the different items under which Government incurred expenditure in connection with the Chicago Exhibition?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have already stated that.

MR. K SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether any arrangement was made with the American Government for setting apart a separate item for the loss incurred on account of the Travancore exhibits?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know the amount spent in that connection?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): About Rs. 500.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): What did the Government do with the remaining amount? Was it spent towards the collection of exhibits?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The cost of collection is not separately ascertained.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): What was the total amount sanctioned for the preparation of sending goods?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Rs. 5,000.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Apart from the loss incurred in that connection, what is the total amount spent?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have not calculated that.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Am I to understand th enthat money is realised by way of selling the exhibits?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes, only a very small amount is to be collected.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): What is the amount left to be collected?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I cannot say that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Will the Government tell the House whether they ascertained why the British Indian Provinces and Native States at first thought of participating in the Exhibition and then later on withdrew from the programme?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): So, am I to understand from the member that this Government blindly thought of following the other Native States in joining the exhibition and blindly followed when they gave up the idea? Do the Government assign any reason to back out from that idea, apart from the fact that other Indian States and Provinces did the same thing?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Mr. Karunakaran has answered that point by means of his questions.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I want an answer from the member, Sir. I do not think Mr. Karunakaran represents Government. As a matter of fact the Director of Industries represents Government and as such I want an answer from him.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The member was saying that there is nothing to compare with Travancore exhibits. What does the member mean by saying there is nothing to compare?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Our cottage industries products could not be compared with American factory products. Our industrial products could not be compared with European and American products.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What did the Government gain by selling the exhibits?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): They are only being sold.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know why the advantages which Government hoped to derive by participating in the Exhibition disappeared when other Native States decided not to take part in the Exhibition?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Government decided not to participate in the Exhibition.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know why the advantages which the Government originally expected to derive from participating in the Exhibition disappeared when the other Indian States and British India decided to keep out?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Originally the exhibition authorities decided to have an Indian Pavilion; all the Indian States and British India had an idea of sharing that pavilion. Later on, the exhibition authorities decided not to have it; and every other Indian State and British India decided not to participate in the exhibition. We also thought that it would be extremely difficult for us to take up a pavilion for ourselves all alone.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Torala*): May I know whether, with the abolition of the Indian Pavilion, the authorities of the Exhibition were taken to have refused to allot any space for Travancore exhibits?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Certainly not. It was too late for us then to get space reserved for us elsewhere.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) Will it not be cheaper for Travancore to share space with the rest of India in one Indian Pavilion than to get space reserved for her specially and separately?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Certainly.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): May I take it that that was one of the main considerations which weighed with the Travancore Government in their final decision in the matter?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether, by the sale here of the articles made for the exhibition, the member hopes to get any profit?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): All the articles are being sold in the Government Sales Depot, at the cost price; and the Sales Depots get 12/½ per cent. on private articles and 6¼ per cent. on Government articles on all their sales. That is the profit that the Government get in the local sale of the articles got ready for the exhibition. There are some articles which have yet to be sold. It is only after they also are sold that we can find out whether, on the whole, we would be making a profit or not.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Can the member give us an idea of the estimated loss?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): So far there has been no loss. We have been getting our 12½ and 6¼ per cent.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Are the articles being sold at a price higher than the cost price?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes; we are adding to the cost price 12½ per cent. on private articles and 6¼ per cent. on Government articles as the sales commission to our Sales Depot. That is the gain that we make.

Construction of roads in the Mavelikara taluk.

56*. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the investigation promised by the Dewan at the 27th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, in reply to the representation of Mr. Nilakanta Pillai Govinda Pillai, regarding the construction of certain roads in the Mavelikara taluk has been conducted; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the result of the investigation with regard to each item?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) An estimate for constructing culverts on the ryots' road from Thonnallur to Athikattukulangara has been sanctioned and funds provided. Land plan and area list for the formal acquisition of land and for removing encroachments have been forwarded to the Land Revenue Commissioner. The parties interested have not yet surrendered the lands free of compensation as promised.

(ii) An estimate has been prepared for improving the road from Punnamedu market two miles south of Mavelikara Arattukadavu and joining Kayankulam-Thattarambalam road.

(iii) The interested ryots have not completed the portion of their work as required by the Ryots' Road Rules with regard to the road from 2nd mile Mavelikara-Pandalam road to Eravankara. The Government can attend to further improvements and bring the road under departmental maintenance only after the ryots completed their portion of the work in conformity with the Ryots' Road Rules.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is that all? (*Laughter.*)

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): That is all.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What about the Oachira-Tamaracolam road, which also was included in the representation and about which the Dewan promised an investigation?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Investigation has been made; that road will cost about Rs. 36,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Why is it that that road was omitted in the answer?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Somehow, it appears to have been omitted in my office.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether provision was made for that road in the budget in the previous years?

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